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## Western Kentucky University

### UA1C2 WKU Archives Building & Structures Photos

### Subseries 20 Diddle Dorm Photos

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#### Other Names:

Underwood Family Home  
Thomas Family Home  
Girl's Dormitory  
Men's Dormitory  
Basketball Dormitory

Date Built - 1900  
Date Razed - 1994  
Dimensions - 39'1" x 35'  
Gross Square Feet - 6,320 (1969)

#### Rooms:

10 dormitory rooms  
2 one-family dwelling  
2 lounges  
12 custodial areas  
2 mechanical rooms

Architects - Robert Underwood

#### History:

Originally the building was home to Richard Underwood, who designed it. Western Kentucky University acquired the house in 1923.

"One of the most versatile buildings on the Hill, Diddle's Dorm, which was originally a private home, was purchased by Western and became the home of the Music Department until the present Music building was

constructed. Used as a girls' dormitory it was known as the "Little Dorm" during World War II when the air cadets had preempted both girls' dormitories. In 1944, the building became an athletics' dormitory managed by Coach E.A. Diddle and rechristened "Diddle Dorm." [Talisman, 1949] In the earlier days there were classrooms that were used for English, History, Education and Music. When it became "Diddle Dorm" in 1950, Coach Diddle and his wife lived in the front part of the building while most of his players lived in the back. Diddle lived in the house until his death in 1970. Mrs. Diddle lived there until 1978. In 1978, after renovations had been made, the front of the house became the team manager's apartment. Players lived in the dorm until 1994. The building was razed in the summer of 1994 due to termites. "Diddle Park" was created on the site. Stones from the house were reused to make steps and benches.

**Namesake:**

Edgar Allen Diddle was born at Gradyville, Kentucky March 12, 1895 to John A. and Mary Elizabeth Hughes Diddle. After his early education at Columbia, Kentucky, Diddle entered Centre College at Danville in 1915 where he excelled in football and basketball. He served in the Naval Aviation program during WWI, returning to Centre in 1918. He left again in 1920 to begin his coaching career at Monticello High School. In 1921 he coached at Greenville High School. On September 7, 1922, he joined the staff at Western as athletic director and coach of all sports. He relinquished his duties as head football coach in 1929 and of baseball in 1956.

Diddle married Margaret Louise Monin December 27, 1923. The couple had two children, Edgar Allen Diddle Jr. and Mary Jo Diddle Phillips. E.A. Diddle, Sr. died January 2, 1970.

**Description:** Images of the Diddle Dorm.

**Dates:** 1900-1994

**Extent:** 2 folders, 1 glass plate

**Subject Analytics:**

Diddle Dorm (WKU)  
Dormitories

Residential facilities  
Western Kentucky University

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# Finding Aid Report

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## Container List

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